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Hi everybody, what a busy time May and the beginning of June have been.

We had a meeting with Highway Patrol about the efforts of three of their officers, it sort of went the way we thought it would, not great to say the least. They will only act if individuals make official complaints as they have a procedure to follow and just because we know that the officers involved are not following procedures does make it right for others not to. So we have posted the correct procedure on Face Book. I have to say though most of the defects are warranted and we do support the police in doing this as long as they get it right, but unfortunately they are going way beyond that point.

We also finally had a meeting with destination NSW, and this went a lot better, we now have a contact that we are working with and we should see some things happening in the future.

It was great fun attending the quarterly in Nerriga and being able to catch up with everyone, a very productive meeting with lots of questions (I love questions) and the local CWA providing a great spread for us. Also, the meals at the pub are outstanding and if you are ever down that way, I highly recommend having a meal there. Oh, did I say it was a bit cold 😊

The Camp Oven Cook Off was a huge success and looks like becoming a regular event, I would like to say it was an amazing effort to run this event as it was the first time, we have had a go at it and we did learn a lot from it. The organising team Maggie, Rollanda, Anthony, Len and Shane did a great job, I know that it was extremely satisfying for Maggie as this is the first event she has ever organised

from having the idea right through to the end, a great achievement.

In case you didn't know I have decided on another career change so I am doing my Cert IV in training and assessing I have just completed two weeks of face to face and now have to finish off my assignments. Doing a twelve-month course in two weeks is not as simple as it sounds and has been a challenge, but I am getting on top of it. I know a lot of people are thinking of doing this course so I am happy to talk to anyone about this pathway, it also helps to be old and not on any government subsidies as they have covered half the costs to educate me, but still not cheap.

It has been good that we have been able to keep the insurance at the same cost as we were warned that there was going to be an increase but AON have done a great job in being able to maintain the cost, you need to pay your fees so you stay insured,  
cheers.

Craig Thomas  
President



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Club 4X4 and 4WD NSW & ACT Association**

#### **announce strategic Partnership**

Specialist off-road insurance specialist Club 4X4 and 4WD NSW and ACT Incorporated announced a strategic partnership which will drive benefits across both organisations.

The partnership will launch in the coming weeks and give all 4WD NSW & ACT affiliated four wheel drive clubs and their financial members access to Club 4X4 products at a preferential rate.

Kalen Ziflian, General Manager of Club 4X4 is very excited about the announcement. "We have enjoyed a tremendous relationship with the NSW & ACT 4WD Association for many years as a result of the alignment to encourage responsible four-wheel driving and off-road touring" he said. "It makes a lot of sense for us to support each other given this alignment, and we look forward to working with the Association further in a more structured way".

Craig Thomas, President of 4WD NSW and ACT, was equally proud about the arrangement. "As the principal organisation in NSW and ACT that supports and lobbies for and on behalf of 4WDers, and which represents the majority of 4WD

clubs in the state, we've worked closely with Club 4X4 who have demonstrated a true passion for our members. This partnership recognises the natural progression and alignment of two organisations. This is the result of many years working together and we value our relationship as it will provide a tangible benefit in preferential pricing for our members."

The agreement is being finalised and is expected to go live mid-July.

More information will be made available to members through the Association.

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## Forestry Corporation - FREE permits

Does your club ever organise trips into State Forests ?  
So did you know that if you do this then you must apply for a permit ?  
Any group going into a State Forest needs to do this, but don't worry about the cost as we have you covered.

9 years ago, we worked with the Forestry Corporation to find a solution to this problem and now the Association pays an annual fee that covers all it's members. This was the reason we started with the vehicles stickers and why it is important to keep them up to date.

Your club still needs to go to the Forestry Corporation web site and scroll to the bottom of the page to the "find a" list and fill in a permit and submit it, but there will be no cost involved. This helps them manage the area and to make sure it does not clash with other groups. It is also a good idea for your club to contact the office of the forests that you visit as it is a great opportunity to get to know them, we have found this to be very beneficial for everybody.

Remember to go to our website and fill in a trip report after your event, this helps Forestry to know numbers and identify any issues, usually before it becomes a

problem.

4WD NSW & ACT Association Inc - Annual state-wide permit  
2021

[PDF HERE](#) Special Activity Conditions

[PDF HERE](#) Permit



## Affiliation Invoices

It's that time of the year again folks.

Invoices went out a few weeks ago, if you don't have it please let us know.

**Contact:** Tony Ellery on [treasurer@4wdnow.com](mailto:treasurer@4wdnow.com)

**Update:** Your club details and new committee positions, [HERE](#).

**Please Note:** If you mail in a cheque, remember the new PO BOX 835, Seven Hills NSW 1730.

## How does cold weather affect your car battery?



Inside the typical lead acid battery are lead plates in electrolyte liquid which creates an electro-chemical reaction to produce a charge to the battery terminals. Heat accelerates this chemical activity but also speeds up the

internal corrosion with the cells which in turn reduces the lifespan of your battery.

This is particularly true of batteries that repeatedly reach high internal temperatures, and once capacity has been damaged by heat, it can't be restored. But just as heat speeds up chemical reactions, cold temperatures slow them down. That's why you might feel your battery can become sluggish in winter, even though its state of charge may remain unchanged.

At colder temperatures, the battery's ability to provide sufficient power to start and run a vehicle is diminished. Automotive batteries are rated in CCA (Cold-Cranking Amperage). This is the amount of current a battery can deliver for 30 seconds at -18 C without dropping to a specified cut-off voltage. A fully charged lead-acid battery

can survive up to  $-50$  C, but a battery with a low state of charge can freeze at  $-1$  C. When the water in a battery freezes it expands and can cause irreparable damage to the cells.

We recommend that car owners start paying close attention to their batteries after three years of installation. If your battery is starting to go, the first thing you'll probably notice is that the car sounds sluggish when trying to start. This is a major warning sign that shouldn't be ignored.

If you hear sluggish sounds when you start up your car, do not immediately assume that the battery needs replacing. Check that the battery connections are tight and that the wires are not broken or disconnected. Also ensure that your terminals are clean - you can get them cleaned regularly during every major service.

If your battery has caps, remove them and check that the fluid inside is about 5mm above the plates, or between the levels as indicated on the battery case. If low, top up with deionised water and avoid overfilling. Mop up any spillage. Some batteries are permanently sealed and do not require maintenance, so you won't be able to check the fluid if this is the case.



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Owners – Installation – Operation  
Manual  
for the  
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## For those clubs with properties!

Wagga Wagga 4wd Club have almost completed their new addition.

For a toilet it looks pretty good. If you are thinking about it, Wagga has generously offered the plans for this little beauty. It used the Green Loo Dry Composting toilet. It's insulated and fully lined inside. They are still working on the water tank compartment doors, plumbing and internal fittings but it should be complete soon. Details also included with the plans. I will put them on the website when i get a

chance. Email me if you want them now.

[office@4wdnow.com](mailto:office@4wdnow.com)

This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.

If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me.

If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club please email [office@4wdnow.com](mailto:office@4wdnow.com).

Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.

The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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